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The Pastor Speaks

"GOD SAYS SO"
John 10:27-29

The simplest evidence in support of the doctrine of eternal security of the believer is a large number of Scripture passages which state in plain, unconditional language the facts that can mean nothing else than all who have been saved are saved for all eternity.

Some of these, in addition to John 10:27-29 already used, are quoted below:

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth MY WORD, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation (judgement), but is passed from death unto life. (John 5: 24)

"All that the Father giveth Me shall come unto Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out". (John 6:37)

"And this is the Father's will Who hath sent Me that of all which He hath given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that everyone which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I shall raise him up at the last day." (John 6:39,40)

"Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, Who is even at the right hand of God, Who also maketh intercession for us." (Romans 8:33, 34). All saved are included in "God's elect." To be lost is to have a charge laid against oneself and to be condemned. God has made provision against both.

"Who (God) shall also confirm you unto the end that ye be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord." (1 Cor. 1:8,9)

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou

Letter To The Editor

Editor
Times-Virginian:

God is sitting upon His throne in the third heaven. The skies we see are the first heaven; outer space the second, and God in the third. II Corinthians 12: 1-4. God has set the heavens "as a curtain" to cover Himself and His eternal place of abode. Man in his outer space and moon excursions has pierced God's privacy. God gave man the earth, but not the heavens:

"The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; but the earth hath He given to the children of men." Psalm 115:16.

"The Lord hath prepared His throne in the heavens . . . Ps. 1-3:19. " . . . Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain." Psalm 104:1-2.

The heavenly constellations, -the moon, stars, the sun were created by God merely to serve the earth, for the earth alone God "formed to be inhabited". Genesis, chapters 1-3; Isaiah 45:12,18. God, Who knoweth all things from beginning to end, also foretold in the Bible of the "Lunar-tic" landing. Outer space is not to be tampered with nor invaded (nor also the "bottom of the sea"):

"Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord" " . . . Though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down . . ." Obadiah 4; Amos 9:2-3; Jeremiah 51: 53.

Satan, the Devil (Lucifer), author of all evil, "the prince of the power of the air", Ephesians 2:2 (and from whom all space-age "wisdom" flows, as God will prove to the world in due time), desires to "ascend above the heights of the clouds" to himself sit upon God's throne, and has brought to pass the modern-day "tower of Babel", having as his goal to enter the third heaven, using wicked men as his puppets, but the puppets discern it not. Isaiah 14:11-17; Genesis 11:1-9.

One of these days at the actual hour of mid-night (Job 34:20-30) God will intervene and will turn the "moon into blood", and the sun at noonday to darkness, issuing in God's day of great wrath against atheistic and wicked men filled with delusions and wicked imaginations, and to begin the "restitution of all things" once again and forever and ever. Joel 2; Revelation 6; Amos 8:9; Proverbs 6:16-19; Acts 3:19-23.

These things have been recorded for centuries in the Bible. The Bible only has the answer in truth to all things. Read it daily for yourself, King James Version only, -not books on the Bible, but just the Bible itself. God wrote it. It contains no lies, for it is impossible for a holy God to lie. Numbers 23: 19. Isn't it time you educated yourself in the only wisdom and knowledge that will be forever, as Jesus said? Psalm 119:89; Matthew 23:35. Start with Proverbs, then the Psalms, and so on, -onward.

H. Leonora Anderson
Pamplin, Va.

Billy Graham Movie
'THE RESTLESS ONES'
August 21-24 AHS

Burke Steele Fund To Help Children

(The following is a story taken from The Tri-City News, dated Monday, July 14, 1969)

By POLLY UNTERZUBER
Progress-Index Staff Writer

Petersburg – A memorial fund to provide the first regional home for retarded children in the state of Virginia has been initiated by friends and associates to honor the late R. F. Burke Steel, outstanding business and civic leader.

Mr. Steele died July 6 as the result of injuries sustained two days previously when struck by a vehicle in Greenbay.

As chairman of the State Hospital Board until June of this year, Mr. Steele was in a position to recognize the need for small regional homes in the Commonwealth to care for moderately retarded children who could adjust within a home-like atmosphere.

The memorial fund will be used in the building, equipping and staffing on such facilities with the establishment of a pilot regional home being proposed in Chesterfield County.

Mr. Steele's work in behalf of mentally retarded children dates back to 1952 when former Governor John S. Battle appointed a commission to study the need for special classes for educable, retarded youngsters. From its inception, Mr. Steele worked to stimulate interest in starting such classes.

Prior to 1954, the few existing classes were financed by the parents of children involved. The first classes supported by state funds were initiated in 1954 in the Norfolk, Hampton, Richmond and Petersburg areas. Since that time they have mushroomed to the point that there now are upwards of 1,400 classes in the state providing instruction for between 15,000 and 16,000 mentally retarded children.

Mr. Steele was treasurer of the State Association in its early days and never ceased working in many capacities for the benefit of these youngsters.

Those who wish to contribute to the cause should make their checks payable to the R. F. Burke Steele Memorial Fund for Retarded Children, P. O. Box 1188, Petersburg, Va.

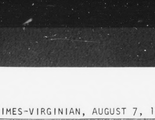
It is understood all contributions will be placed in a separate foundation and will not be used for operating expenses of the existing Petersburg chapter.

Mr. Steele's friends and associates felt no other project could be more fitting as a memorial to this man who, before his untimely death, had begun initial plans in this direction.

Marsh Reunion To Be Held Aug. 17

The decendants of the late Stephen Thomas Marsh and Elvira Gordon Marsh will hold a reunion on August 17, at Oakville School.

A picnic lunch will be served at 1 o'clock. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.



BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

YOUR RESPONSE

Lesson for August 10, 1969

Background Scripture: Exodus 25:1-9; 28:1-3. 29:43-46; 35: 1-19; 40:16-38; Leviticus 16: 19-34; 26:1 -13; 19:1-4.
Devotional Reading: Psalms 90.

This Sunday morning millions of Americans will go to church, but how many of them will go to worship?

That may seem a strange question, but we must realize that "going to church" and "worshipping" are not the same thing, just as there is a difference between "leading a horse to water" and "making him drink." Many people enter church buildings on a Sunday morning, but that entrance, their presence there, are not guarantees of worship. This may even be true when people sit and listen attentively to a worship service. Worship is more than mere passive submission to a ritual, or occupying a seat in a "holy place."

Missing the Point

That many people go to church without worshipping is sometimes evident in the things they say about worship services. Some will find the service a failure because the pastor's sermon was too long, too boring, or both. Others will judge the service on the basis of how well the choir sings its anthem or how softly the organist plays his offertory. Still others will be preoccupied with irritations over unfamiliar hymns, rituals, or "other changes." For these people, obviously, the worship service is largely a program that is expected to be "interesting" and "uplifting."

Of course, these people miss the point. They do not really understand what worship is, and, not understanding, they do not worship. They do not realize that the sermon, the hymns, the choir, the ritual are all secondary in importance to the encounter of God himself. When men truly worship, they acknowledge and experience the "worship" of God.

A Visible Reminder

God had promised the people of Israel that he would be with them, that they were to be his people and he would be their God. He would daily share their lives, guiding them and their nation, moving them toward his purpose. Of them he asked that they would respond with offerings and worship. The tabernacle itself would be a visible reminder of God's presence in the midst of the people.

Worship would be a means whereby they acknowledged and responded to the presence of God in their lives. They were to go to the tabernacle, not to hear a good sermon, to sing the "old hymns," "get inspired," be entertained, or wallow in nostalgia and sentimentality. The tabernacle was to be a place where they would commune with God on a deeper level: "And let them make me a Sanctuary that I may dwell in their midst" (Exodus 25:8).

This Sunday morning millions of Americans will go to church, but how many of them will go to worship? The answer to the question is anyone's guess, but many of us suspect that there will be far more church-going than worshipping. There will be more bodies in communion with the Lord, more people will talk and sing about God than will meet him and respond to him.

The Presence of God

If there is anything wrong with our worship, it is not so much that we are using the wrong liturgy or ignorant of better techniques, but that we fail to acknowledge and respond to the presence of God. We are more aware of the pastor, the organist, the choir, the ushers, and the woman in front with the strange-looking hat, than we are of God. Unaccustomed to looking for him in our daily lives, we find it difficult to recognize him on Sunday mornings.

The covenant promise which God gave to Israel is still our today. As he called them to be his people and promised to be their God, so he calls and promises us. As he desired that they would come to the tabernacle to commune with him, so he desires our communion today. What he wants from us is a worshipful response, not just church attendance.

What will you offer him this Sunday?

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Veterans wanting jobs or job training get priority consideration if they contact their local State Employment Office.

A Matter of Life and Breath

This child is getting a tuberculin test. Tuberculin testing finds TB. Your Christmas Seal association encourages tuberculin testing as part of its fight against TB.

Free Seedlings

Approximately 140 landowners in Appomattox County planted with 756,500 pine seedlings this spring in the tree-planting program. Approximately 1,000 acres of land will be reforested by the landowners participating in the matching free seedling program, sponsored by the Virginia Division of Forestry and the conservation agencies. In total, youth groups will receive 22,000 free pines with matching purchase of seedlings.

Bruce Stevens, district forester for the state, made the announcement based on information from George Stevens, State Forester, Virginia Division of Forestry. Stevens said he expects more than 22,000 pines will be used in the matching program.

Forest areas must be land capable of better production than would normally be used to grow crops this year, Stevens pointed out. The land must have a cover crop as is a requirement of the Virginia State Committee

...erly Maintain Diverted Acres

...s participating in the ... and wheat programs in Appomattox County are reminded by Chairman J. F. Alvis, ... County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation ... that diverted acreage must be properly maintained throughout the remaining ... year.

... cars and use of the ... period is a requirement ... diversion and price-support payments and for eligibility for price-support loans, the ACS Chairman said.

Diverted acres must be land ... for better production than would normally be used to grow crops this year, the chairman pointed out. The land must have a cover crop as is a requirement of the Virginia State Committee

...NUT GROVE

... Mrs. Bill Songer ... Mr. and Mrs. Howard ... Crews, Sunday, Mrs. ... Cassidy of South Hill ... with them for a visit.

... visitors of Mr. and ... Songer were Mrs. ... Glenda Eaton ... N. Y. Week end ... at the same home were ... Mrs. Sheridan Pope and ... of Johndon. Sunday ... accompanied by Mrs. ... Dale and visited relatives ... Crews and Nottoway.

... Mr. and Mrs. J. W. ... of Cumberland were ... supper guests of Mr. ... Paul Hickman. Wednesday night was supper ... Mr. and Mrs. Bob

...day, Mr. Beatley dined ... and Mrs. Joe Harris ...day with Mr. and Mrs. ... Singer. Also, Martha ... Larry and Pat Burks ...ichmond.

... visitors in the W. T. ... were Mr. and Mrs. ... Cook, Kennethand Ran... Farmville; Mr. and Mrs. ... Carter, Janice and Mike ...ville. Janice remained ... week with her grand-

...and Mrs. Tommy Mottley ...ville visited Mr. and ...upper Beasley Thursday

...Guy Morris returned to ...home in Sarasota, Florida ...day after visiting with her ... Mrs. Maggie Hickman, ... Rev. and Mrs. William ...ers and Cookie of Richmond were Sunday dinner guests ...and Mrs. Edward Songer.

...Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Barr Sunday were Mr. ... Ray L. Doty and Ray ... Andersonville, Mrs. ... Doty, Jr. of Powhatan ... Jessie B. Johnston and ...of Farmville, Monday ...in the same home were ...Ruffin and daughter, ...Barr all of Farmville and Mrs. Vickie Bardeaux ...daughter of Independence.

...Mr. and Mrs. A. N. ...Saturday were Mr. and ...Donald Foster and family ... Sunday visitors in the ...were Mr. and Mrs. ... Shumaker and George ...Brookneal.

...and Mrs. Sonny O'Brien ...Spring spent the week ...her parents, Mr. and ...V. Morris.

...and Mrs. Roger Morris ...left Thursday for a ...her sister and broth... Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur ...McMurray, Penn.

...visitors of Mr. and ...Singer were Mr. and ...Clarence Hicks of Richmond.

Pamela Morris spent the week end with Martha Rife of Grundy.

Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harris were Mr. and Mrs. Flood Harris of Burkeville and Mrs. Peggie Shorter and daughter Vicki of Mrs. George Morris of Sarasota Florida was Wednesday supper guest.

Martha Rife of Richmond was Tuesday overnight guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Williams and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baldwin at Rustburg Sunday. Glenda remained for the week.

Mrs. Ruth Beasley spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Odell Kirby at Farmville.

Donnie Lee Baldwin is spending this week with Mrs. Beasley, his grandmother.

Fidelity Honors Businessman

Business and civic leaders gathered yesterday at Belgium Tool and Die Company on Graves Mill Road to attend a reception given by Fidelity National Bank in honor of Alphonse Strocbants, president of the firm and Virginia's newly named "Small Businessman of the Year." Fidelity had nominated Strocbants for the award, which is presented annually to the state's outstanding small businessman by the federal government's Small Business Administration.

Announcement of Strocbants' selection was made by SBA earlier in the day at the Annaul Awards Ceremony held in Richmond, with Senator William B. Spong, Jr. making the presentation.

During the reception yesterday, J. Lyons Davidson, Fidelity president, and Frank Wobst vice president, presided over a short program at which Senator Spong read the SBA citation Strocbants had received in Richmond. Also a speaker at the reception was Thomas F. Regan of Richmond, Regional Director of SBA. In paying tribute to Strocbant's accomplishments, Regan described how selection is made of the "Small Businessman of the Year," noting that the significance of the award can be seen from the fact that there are 64,000 small businessmen in the state of Virginia alone. He added that Strocbants was one of six finalists for the national award.

Barlow Family Has Reunion

A Barlow Family Reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Smith on Sunday, Aug. 3.

Those attending from out of town: Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Watts and son, David, of Baltimore, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lucado, Mrs. Clyde Lucado and son, Clyde, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Plunkett and children, Donna, Ellen and Amy, Mrs. P. F. Staton, all of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Brookford of Raleigh, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Watt Lee Overton and children, Chip and Fran, of Farmville; Danny Herncall of Lynchburg; Anna Pearl Barlow of Hawaii, and Doug Smith of Virginia Beach.

Those attending from Appomattox: Mrs. Lila Herncall, Mrs. M. A. Herncall, Mr. Ralph Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lawson, and children, Rindy, Sue, and Freddy, Judy Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Smith, and daughter Tammy, Mrs. Mattie Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Beasley, Jr. and son, Tye, Mrs. Elmina Guill and daughter, Mary Margaret, and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gordon, Jr. and daughter, Claudia Ann.

Torrence Reunion

The annual family reunion of the late A. E. and Agnes Coleman Torrence descendants will be Sunday, August 17th in the Woodmen of the World Building. Lunch at 1 p.m. Bring picnic basket lunch.

Marshall-Caldwell Reunion

The 31st Marshall-Caldwell reunion will be held at the Sherwill Community Center August 31st. Lunch will be at 1 p.m. Bring your basket and the drinks will be furnished. Road number is 646.

Song Of The Northland

by F. D. Flynn

Pleasant memories-how they linger
How they haunt my soul . . .
In the Northland, Canadian horsemen on their saddle horses.
Through the North they used to stroll.
Oh, my heart is aching, nearly breaking.
Times have changed the open range into broad highways.
I range my homestead place-now the cars they rush and race.
Mountains soaring high in the sky
Kotny River surges by . . .
Where the fish sport and play
Sending up a silver spray in the morning sunlight ray.
And on the slope feeds the mountain goat peacefully all the day.
Rolling plains with growing grains, Oh the Nature God unfolds.
There I'll make my home where the antelope roam
I'll build me a shack and I won't come back . . .
I'll live under the Canadian blue, blue sky.

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